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SUBJECT: MARINE MOVE INTO ARMY HQ FACILITY IN OKINAWA

SUMMARY: MOVEMENT OF AN OPERATIONAL MARINE COMMAND INTO THE  
USAGO HQS BUILDING WOULD BE A POLITICAL ISSUE IN OKINAWA.

ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PLEASE RAISE THIS AS APPROPRIATE WITH

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THE CONCERNED MILITARY COMMANDS. END SUMMARY

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE MARINES WILL BE TAKING OVER THE PRESENT  
ARMY HDQTRS FACILITIES AT SUKERAN AS USAGO CONTINUES ITS  
REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION AND MOVES DOWN TO THE FACILITIES  
AT THE MACHINATO SERVICE AREA. AFTER RECEIPT OF FINAL  
APPROVAL, GENERAL DAVID WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH GOVERNOR  
YARA MAY 26, AND THE APPROVED NEWS RELEASE WILL FOLLOW LATER THAT  
DAY. THE MOVE AND THE ACCOMPANYING RIF OF LOCAL NATIONALS WILL  
STIR THE USUAL HIGH PRESS AND POLITICAL ATTENTION ON THE ISLAND.  
IN SIGNIFICANT PART LEFTIST ATTENTION CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOCUS

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ON THE ISSUE OF BOTH A PURPORTED LACK OF ANY RELEASES OF FACILITIES

TO MATCH THE RIF AND MARINE MOVE INTO THE AREA.

2. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE DEGREE OF SHORT AND LONG TERM POLITICAL FUSS OVER THE MARINE MOVE WILL BE INFLUENCED CONSIDERABLY BY WHICH MARINE HDQTRS OCCUPIES THE FACILITIES. IF IT IS THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION OR 3RD MAF HDQTRS, OR ANY OTHER OPERATIONAL COMMAND, THE LEFTISTS MAY WELL EMBRACE THE ISSUE WITH GLEE, CHARGING THAT THIS MOVE BELIES USG AND GOJ STATEMENTS ABOUT BASE CONSOLIDATION ON OKINAWA, AND IN CONTRAST, BASES ARE BEING STRENGTHENED AS THE COMBAT COMMANDS MOVE MORE TOWARDS THE CENTER OF URBANIZED OKINAWA.

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THIS SEEMS PROBABLE IN PART BECAUSE THE MARINES ARE CURRENTLY THE MAIN TARGET OF LEFTIST EFFORT BECAUSE OF RECENT INCIDENTS, DEPLOYMENTS TO SEA, AND ARTILLERY PRACTICE. IF THE CAMP BUTLER BASE COMMANDER, NOT THE OPERATIONAL HDQTRS, MOVES INTO THE SUKERAN HDQTRS, THE VALUE OF THE ISSUE FOR THE LEFT WILL, HOWEVER, BE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERCUT.

3. IN ADDITION, WITH THE REDUCTION OF THE ARMY HERE, I UNDERSTAND THE MARINE BASE COMMANDER WILL PROBABLY PICK UP THE FUNCTION OF OKINAWA AREA COORDINATOR. HE WILL BE GREATLY FACILITATED IN THAT FUNCTION IF HE IS AT SUKERAN RATHER THAN OUT AT CAMP MCTUREOUS. IT WILL SEEM, AND PROBABLY IN PRACTICE WILL BE, A DOWNGRADING OF THE OAC FUNCTION IF THE OKINAWANS SEE THE COORDINATOR KEPT OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND THE HDQTRS WHERE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ARMY AREA COORDINATORS RESIDED TO AN OPERATIONAL MARINE COMMAND. THE OKINAWAN LEADERSHIP WILL CONSIDER THE COORDINATOR'S ROLE OF DIMINISHED PRESTIGE AND USEFULNESS.

4. I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE BALANCING CONSIDERATIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVENIENCE ARGUING FOR THE OPERATIONAL COMMANDS TAKING OVER THE USARGO HDQTRS. THE ABOVE POLITICAL CONSIDERA

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ARE OF REAL IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, AND BEAR ON THE ABILITY OF THE MARINES TO CONTINUE TO USE THEIR OKINAWAN FACILITIES SATISFACTORILY OVER THE LONG RUN. THEY SHOULD THEREFORE BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN A MARINE DECISION ON WHO MOVES INTO THE EVACUATED USARGO HDQTRS BLDG.

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